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**Broadway-Pantano Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting - 24th Meeting**

March 12, 2003, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Eastside City Hall
7575 E. Speedway
Tucson, Arizona

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CAB Members Present: Cheri Bludau, Judy Burns, James Garrett, Patricia Gehlen, James (Digger) Jones, Janet Marcus, Aubrey McMullen, Jackie Olson, Wanda Ryckman, Jean Sabo, Walter Schaffer, Ward Wallingford

CAB Members Absent: Dolores Fife, Ries Lindley

ADEQ Staff Present: Gretchen Wagenseller, ADEQ Project Manager; Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the Public Present: Les Stein, Lee Lohman, Tom Kimmel, Jim Gary, Karen Masbruch

The meeting began at 6:40 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Judy Burns conducted introductions of CAB members and public participants.

2. Approval of Minutes: 1/8/03

Digger Jones motioned to approve the minutes from January 8, 2003; James Garrett seconded the motion. All CAB members were in favor; none were opposed.

3. Call to the Public

Judy Burns explained why the Call to the Public was being held at the beginning of the meeting, but said there will also be an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting. Tom Kimmel asked about the rebound test of the Soil Vapor Extraction system. Gretchen Wagenseller said she would cover that information in the site update.

4. Discussion and Nomination of Co-Chairs

The CAB discussed re-electing Judy Burns and Wanda Ryckman as co-chairs. Both said they would be willing to continue in the position. Judy Burns asked if any other member was interested in serving. James Garrett said he might consider a co-chair position next term. Janet Marcus moved to nominate Judy Burns and Wanda Ryckman as co-chairs; Digger Jones seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion to re-elect the current co-chairs; none opposed. The final nominations and a vote will take place at the next regular meeting of the CAB.

5. WQARF Board Meeting Update

Janet Marcus, a member of the WQARF Advisory Board, reported on the meeting. She said ADEQ's director, Steve Owens, asked the board not to lobby the legislature on WQARF funding because funds may have to be taken from other programs if not from the WQARF program. She outlined the discussions about other funding possibilities for site cleanup, such as settlements and the insurance companies of the responsible parties. She said the board sees a problem with too many "orphan share" sites where the state must pay for the cleanup costs. She said there is also a dispute taking place about how funds have been handled by the Arizona Department of Water Resources. A new director has been named for that agency because the previous director was not willing to discuss a surplus they were carrying of allocated WQARF funds. CAB members discussed the impact of diminished WQARF funding.

6. Site Update + Q&A: Gretchen Wagenseller, ADEQ Project Manager

Karen Masbruch, director, Environment Management, City of Tucson, updated the CAB on the final construction of the Western Groundwater Containment System (WGCS). She said that the system is in place, and they are now testing all components. One problem arose with the temperature sensors in the pump, but they are consulting with the manufacturer to correct the problem. She said after start-up, the system will run 24 hours a day.

Gretchen Wagenseller displayed a revised plume map of the WQARF site. She reported that the newly installed monitor well, BP-19, was non-detect for contamination. She said this will be the last monitor well installed this year. She said semi-annual sampling will take place as the Remedial Investigation report is prepared.

She also reported on the Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system, announcing that the concentrations were very low, therefore, ADEQ has suspended operation of the system. She said ADEQ is considering the next steps and will soon meet with the city, county, and Technical Exchange Group to discuss the future of the system.

CAB members asked questions about the methane monitoring and removal system installed at the Broadway North Landfill. Gretchen Wagenseller said that the new property owner is repairing the system. She said they will have to provide quarterly reports to the city. The CAB discussed the system and the role of the Tucson Fire Department in making sure the system operates properly. They commented that the system was antiquated and that monitoring wells had collapsed. Gretchen Wagenseller said she would seek more information about what the new owners are doing to repair the system.

Gretchen Wagenseller said that Secor, ADEQ's contractors, walked the entire landfill to look for any obvious spills from past dumping. A plan for surface soil sampling is being devised, and this field work needs to take place before the end of the fiscal year. She said the new property owners have so far allowed the state access to perform needed work.

Gretchen Wagenseller said that previously a question was asked about Brownfields funding for the reparation of the landfill through the federal government. She said that she learned that the property needs to be owned by a government or a non-profit organization, so the Broadway North Landfill would not qualify.

She said a question was also asked about whether new sites will be placed on the WQARF registry. She said that the Broadway South Landfill will be referred to the Site Assessment Unit.

7. Western Containment System Open House/CAB Involvement

Plans for a dedication ceremony for the Broadway-Pantano Western Groundwater Containment System were discussed. The date of May 2, 2003, was chosen to accommodate the schedules of the director of ADEQ, Steve Owens, and the Mayor of Tucson, Bob Walkup. Council Members Carol West and Fred Ronstadt have also been invited to speak. CAB members designated co-chair Judy Burns to also speak at the event. Members were encouraged to take part. Eileen Palese asked for input on who the CAB recommended be invited.

Eileen Palese said that now that the date was set for the dedication ceremony, she is prepared to have the newsletter the CAB wrote be mailed, and that an invitation will be included. Jackie Olson expressed concern that too many people might attend and park at the hospital. The CAB believed that the newsletter invitation would not generate that many attendees. Eileen Palese said that there will be a Business Reply Card so that the survey can be returned postage-paid. The mailing will go out to a wider area through the simplified mailing method. Plan is to mail by April 11.

Judy Burns described her participation in shooting a video about the Western Groundwater Containment system. The video, produced by the City of Tucson Channel, 12, was viewed by the members and public participants.

8. CAB Outreach Reports

Wanda Ryckman said she attended a reception for ADEQ's newly appointed director, Steve Owens, on February 21, in Tucson. She said several other CAB members attended from not only the Broadway-Pantano CAB, but other Tucson boards.

She reported that she was interviewed by Megan Johnson, a research student for the University of Arizona, on a grant-funded research project of the School of Planning, College of Architecture. She said she was told the purpose of the grant is to look at public participation and ADEQ Community Advisory Board meetings and that they have been reviewing the meeting minutes for five months. She said other CAB members may have been called for interviews. She asked that a copy of the report be sent to ADEQ and to the co-chairs when completed.

Wanda Ryckman confirmed that Aubrey McMullen wishes to continue as the CAB alternate representative to the Technical Exchange Group. Gretchen Wagenseller said a meeting may be held regarding the future of the Soil Vapor Extraction System. She explained the purpose of the meeting and James Garrett said he would be interesting in being an alternate to Aubrey McMullen and Wanda Ryckman if they were unable to attend the meetings. Gretchen Wagenseller said that the meetings are not being held as frequently because a lot of the technical work performed during the site investigation, in coordination with the city and the county, has been completed.

9. Other Administrative Business

There was no administrative business raised.

10. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion

The next meeting of the Broadway-Pantano CAB will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway, Tucson, AZ. Call Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO, at (520) 628-6712, for meeting information and proposed agenda.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on cassette tapes as a record of the proceedings. To listen to the tape(s), or for additional documents mentioned in these minutes, contact ADEQ's Southern Regional Office, Community Involvement Office, 520/628-6712.

**Minutes prepared by: Eileen Palese 5/6/03
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